

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (Claims 1 - 8 and 15 - 20) for examination in this application. However, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement is requested.

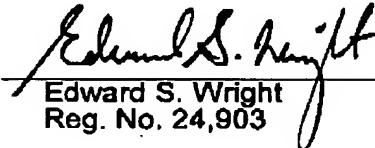
In suggesting that the inventions of the two groups are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate - final product relationship, the Examiner appears to be confused. The claims are directed to the apparatus and method for making the product, not to the product itself.

Rather than belaboring the point, applicant is simply rewriting independent Claims 9 and 14 as dependent Claims 21 and 22 which depend from elected Claims 1 and 6. Dependent Claims 10 - 13 are being amended to depend from Claim 21. With this amendment, there is clearly no mutual exclusivity between the claims, and the requirement is moot.

New Claim 23 depends from Claim 22 and is being added in order to more fully round out the protection to which applicant is believed to be entitled.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in this matter, including extension fees, to Deposit Account 50-2975, Order No. A-75001.

Respectfully submitted,


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